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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL CIDA GRANT FOR LOCOMOTIVES FOR BANGLADESH

REF: (A) DACCA 0501, (B) DACCA 0592, (C) DACCA 0991, (D) DACCA 1312

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION THAT CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO FINANCE EIGHT MORE LOCOMOTIVES FOR BANGLADESH RAILWAYS (BR).

2. THIS GRANT, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC PENDING CANADIAN TREASURY BOARD APPROVAL, IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$8.4 MILLION CIDA GRANT FOR TWELVE LOCOMOTIVES REPORTED IN REF (D). THE ADDITIONAL CIDA GRANT WAS REPORTEDLY DECIDED ON IN LATE 1977 FOLLOWING A VISIT OF BDG OFFICIALS TO OTTAWA.

3. THE ADDITIONAL EIGHT LOCOMOTIVES WILL BE BROAD GAUGE WHEREAS THE ORIGINAL TWELVE WERE METER GAUGE.

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4. THE ORIGINAL CIDA GRANT FOR THE FIRST TWELVE LOCOMOTIVES (REF D) STIPULATED THAT MONTREAL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS (MLW) LOCOMOTIVES WOULD BE PURCHASED. THE NEW GRANT ALLOWS OTHER CANADIAN SUPPLIERS -- I.E. GENERAL MOTORS-CANADA -- TO COMPETE FOR THE CONTRACT FOR THE SECOND EIGHT LOCOMOTIVES.

5. THIS ADDITIONAL CIDA GRANT SHOULD HELP REINFORCE
BIDS OF CANADIAN SUPPLIERS; I.E. MLW OR GM-CANADA,
FOR THE SAUDI-FINANCED TENDER FOR 30 LOCOMOTIVES,
WHICH BR ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY (REFTELS).
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